Irish National Schools (Heating and Cleansing) Bill.

MEMORANDUM.

This Bill is framed in the same terms practically as the Bill which was unanimously given a first reading in 1907, and a Bill which was introduced in 1908. Owing to the fact that in Ireland there is no responsible authority for heating and cleansing of national schools, this short Bill is intended to supply that want. Under the present system of heating national schools in Ireland, each pupil is expected to carry an armful of turf for the purpose. In many districts turf is now exhausted, with the consequence that fuel has to be obtained by purchase in the ordinary way. Compulsory attendance is in force in most of the counties, with the result that many poor children are compelled to attend schools which are miserably heated—sometimes not heated at all. This Bill is optional so far as the county councils are concerned, and only obligatory in towns. It is proposed to divide the cost equally between the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland and the local authorities.

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Provide for the Heating and Cleansing of National School Houses in Ireland.

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BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Power of manager.

5 **1.** A manager of a national school in Ireland, to which the provisions of this Act apply or may be applied when requested by the school attendance committee for the district in which the school is situate, shall, and without such request may, take such steps as may be necessary for the proper heating and 10 cleansing of such national school during the hours of attendance.

Cost.

2.—(1) *The cost of making such provision shall be defrayed as to one half by the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland and paid by them to the manager of such school out of moneys to be provided by Parliament, subject to rules to be made* 15 *by the Commissioners with the approval of the Treasury.*

(2) The remaining half of the cost of making such provision shall be defrayed by the school attendance committee and paid by them to the manager and shall be deemed to be part of the expenses of such school attendance committee within the 20 meaning of section three, subsection (5), of the Irish Education Act, 1892.

Application of Act.

3. Any county council may by resolution, and shall on application by any district council within the county, apply the provisions of this Act to any part of their county, and the

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county council shall be for the purposes of this Act and the Irish Education Act, 1892, the local authority of the place to which it is applied:

This Act shall apply to every place which is either a municipal borough or is a town or township under commissioners, and the council or commissioners of the place shall be for the purposes of this Act and the Irish Education Act, 1892, the local authority of such place.

Commencement.

4. This Act shall come into force on *the first day of November nineteen hundred and nine.*

Short title.

5. This Act may be cited as the National Schools Heating (Ireland) Act, 1909.

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